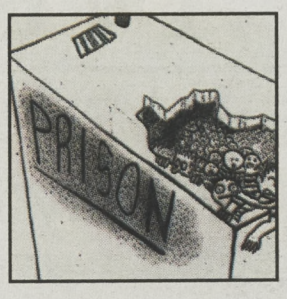
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VOLUNTEERS EDUCATE THE ELDERLY ON CAMPUS

The volunteer-run program offers classes such as lawn bowling and water coloring.

By Jesus Gonzalez
Staff Writer

A class on campus filled with students aged 50 and older, all of whom were eager to read one of their first assignments on Thursday: several memoirs telling stories of deceased pets, having a drink with a bishop and vasectomies.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), a volunteer-run program on campus dedicated to providing non-credit classes to adults who are 50 and older, recently started its eight-week session on campus. The program offers a variety of activity and lecture classes, including "A Novel Approach to Memoir Writing."

"The mission is to keep education going and keeping people lively and brain fit," said Rebecca Low, office administrator of OLLI at Cal State Long Beach. "We get a lot of newly retired people who are looking to keep busy … They love interacting with people their own age."

According to Low, the newest classes being offered this session through OLLI include lawn bowling, advanced watercolor and a class about the Los Angeles Opera.

> **"They aren't going for a career. It's about self-fulfillment."**
> ***— Ladd Terry, OLLI instructor***

"We really owe it to the instructors who bring so much passion to develop these classes," Low said. Low added that all OLLI instructors are over the age of 50 as well.

Low said that OLLI had about 800 members last year.

OLLI instructor Reginald Gates said he started out as a coach, assisting in an excel spreadsheets course, but moved up to teaching a class called "Google, email, and more," which teaches students how to create a Google account, master Gmail and use Google Maps, Drive and Calendar.

"[Our students shouldn't] be afraid of the computer," said Pauline Strong, who has taken classes with OLLI for the past eight years and is now a student coach. "Every time you make a mistake, you will learn something."

There are about 120 OLLI centers across the country, most of which are on university campuses, according to Barbara White, executive director of OLLI at CSULB.

"Our purpose is education, improvement of life and social interaction," White said. "Many of our members are widows or widowers who often have said, 'I lost my spouse. I knew that I needed to get out of the house. I didn't

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Men's rugby team ranked 20th in nation

By Matthew Gross
Contributing Writer

After standing unranked nationally for 10 years, the Long Beach State men's rugby team is back on the map since Rugby Magazine ranked it the 20th best in the nation.

In spite of past national championships and Division II rankings, LBSU Rugby has often gone without recognition, first-year head coach Jason Reynolds said.

"Twentieth isn't bad," Reynolds said. "But with those accolades and the strongest schedule in the league, there's always going to be a target on your back."

Reynolds, a former LBSU rugby player, has been involved with rugby for more than 20 years. He said he spent the past four seasons serving as the assistant coach for the rugby team and is taking over as head coach this season.

Reynolds said the 49ers are set to return with 12 starters, making them poised and ready to go for the season.

According to Reynolds, the 12 players along with other returning players are stepping up and working every day to uphold their commitment to LBSU.

"What separates us is our tradition of committed players to the program," Reynolds said. "Our rugby culture is not many like other teams'. We're doing things right here."

Reynolds said the 49ers don't adhere to the traditional pre- and post-game celebrations that usually go hand-in-hand with rugby culture. These activities include partying after games and pregame rituals, such as chants and stomping that teams often display as a form of exhibitionism.

Rugby Team Captain and senior recreational major Nate Caukin said the players wants their opponents to know who they are.

"We have never really been given our due respect across the league," Caukin said. "We may not be the biggest or the flashiest, but the next day, you'll know who you played against."

With rugby being a club sport, recruiting becomes difficult with the inability to offer scholarships or compensation to players, Caukin said. Large schools like University of California, Berkeley and University of California, Los Angeles, he said, have more opportunity to recruit the top talent in the state.

While the 49ers may seem at a disadvantage on paper, their playing style makes up for any handicaps, Caukin said.

"Our identity is the junkyard dog," he said. "We like to think that we care about our brother next to us more

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Top: Rugby team player Max Peronelli breaks past defenders into the in-goal area at a scrimmage on Saturday.

Above: LBSU rugby team players battle to receive the inbound pass.

Influenza can kill a healthy child in just days, study finds

Even healthy children can come down with a case of flu severe enough to kill them in a matter of days, according to a new report from researchers at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Children who were in good health before contracting influenza seemed to progress from infection to death more rapidly than children with high-risk medical conditions, the researchers reported in a study published Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

The finding is based on the first analysis of all flu deaths among children since the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System began tracking such cases in October 2004. In the eight years through September 2012, there were 830 laboratory-confirmed deaths from the flu.

In 794 of those cases, the researchers were able to check the patients' medical histories. They found that 341 of those victims — 43 percent — did not have a medical condition that would have made them more vulnerable to influenza.

Public health officials take influenza seriously because it's easy for people to reduce their risk of infection by getting flu shots. CDC officials reported last month that 43 percent of children weren't vaccinated during the 2012-13 flu season, along with 58 percent of adults.

The researchers were able to find the vaccination records for 511 of the children in the study. Only 16 percent "had been fully vaccinated with seasonal influenza vaccine," they reported.

To put the 104 annual flu deaths into perspective, the CDC said there were 9,595 deaths among children ages 1 to 14 in 2010. Accidents, congenital malformations and cancer were among the leading causes of death.

Researchers in the CDC's Influenza Division and its Epidemic Intelligence Service discovered that between 2004 and 2012, the median age of fatal flu victims was 7.

Among cases where place of death was recorded, 65 percent died after being admitted to a hospital, 18 percent died while being treated in an emergency room and 16 percent were not in a hospital.

Slightly more than half of the victims — 53 percent — were boys, 45 percent were white, 23 percent were Latino, 18 percent were African American, 4 percent were Asian American, 2 percent were Native Americans or Alaska natives, and 1 percent were Native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders.

The deadliest flu season for children was in 2009-10, with 282 deaths, or 3.8 deaths per 1 million children. That flu season began a few months after the H1N1 "swine flu" was identified in the United States, and pediatric deaths peaked in October 2009. The most benign flu season of the study was the most recent. Only 35 children died of the flu in 2011-12, the researchers found.

Among victims who had a high-risk medical condition before they got the flu, neurological disorders were the most common, followed by pulmonary disorders (including asthma), chromosomal or genetic conditions, and congenital heart disease or other forms of cardiac disease.

Pneumonia was the most common flu complication reported among the children who died, with 51 percent of them affected. Other types of bacterial infections included Staphylococcus aureus and Streptococcus pyogenes.

Among Americans of all ages, the death rate from flu ranges between 3,000 and 49,000 annually, according to the report.

— Karen Kaplan, Los Angeles Times



JESUS GONZALEZ | DAILY 49ER

Jay Chelian, an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute student of three years, paints during a watercolor workshop.

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know what to do, and I found OLLI, and now I am out of the house.' People are learning and have made new friends."

Ladd Terry is an instructor for OLLI's watercolor workshop on Fridays and in one of his lessons, he taught students about "value difference" in art, a term used to describe the use of light and dark colors. He gave each student a sketch of a house and showed them how different shades of the same color can give depth to a picture. He then had his students paint on their own.

"Part of [this course] is people want to be entertained," said Terry, who has recently retired from his 40-year college teaching profession. "They aren't going for a career. It's about self-fulfillment."

Other classes offered through the OLLI program include short stories about aging and other life phases, taking better photos, conversational Spanish, Native American Indian history, John Wayne film festival and making sense of investing.

Tuition for each class is $10, and classes in a computer lab cost $35, which Low said is used to keep computer software and classes up to date.

White, who is also the director of the Department of Family and Consumer Science's gerontology program, said she feels that being associated with the gerontology program is a perfect pairing with OLLI. She said the program's members are usually happy to go to classes at CSULB to talk about aging and life-long learning.

White said CSULB students are welcome to become involved with the program and sit in during OLLI classes to observe, as long as they inform OLLI members of their presence beforehand.

"It's important to have a positive experience about aging," White said. "Aging is not illness and death, which is sometimes how we picture it, but it is vibrant living."



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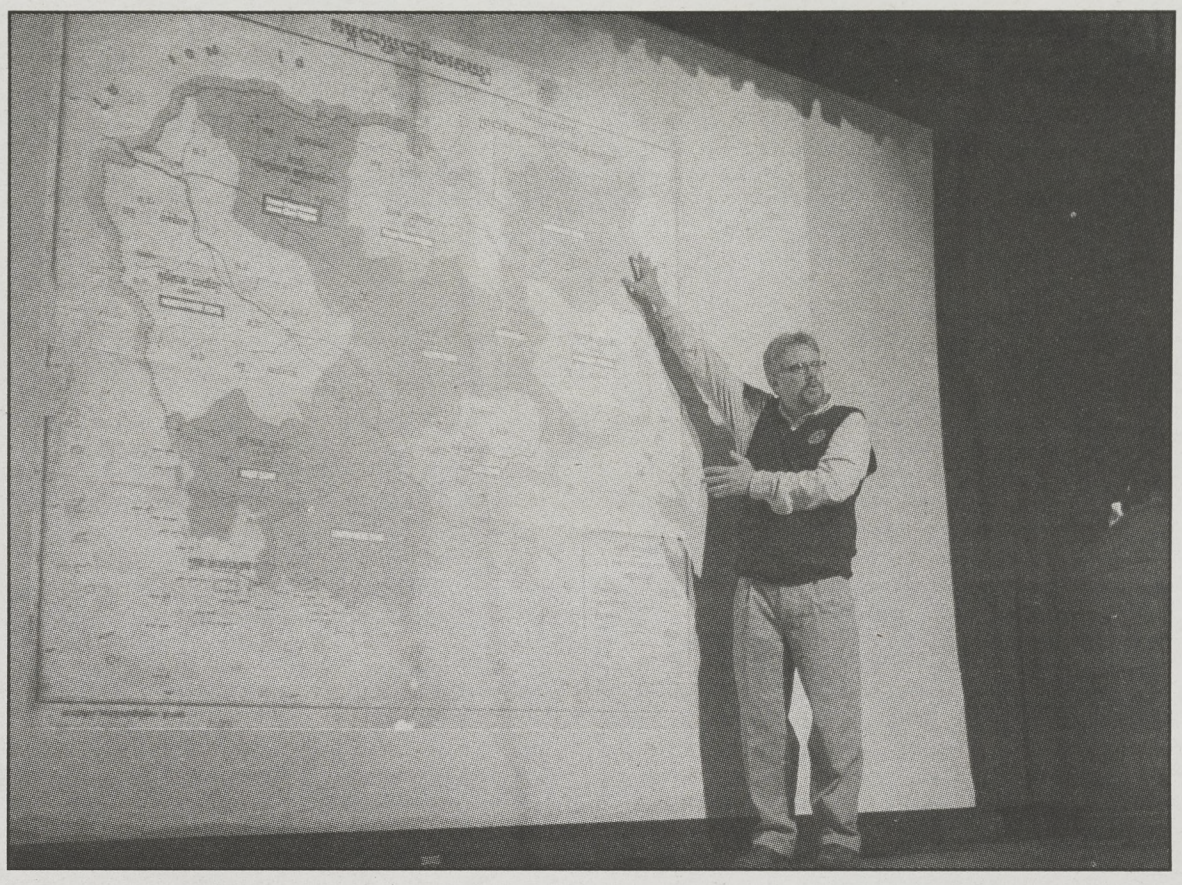
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Alumnus brings Cambodian Genocide research to CSULB

James Tyner discusses the state of Phnom Penh from 1975 to 1979.

By Alex Sack
Staff Writer



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James Tyner explains the geographic divisions of the Cambodian city Phnom Penh at his guest lecture "Mapping Phnom Penh during the Cambodian Genocide" in the Beach Auditorium on Thursday.

Cal State Long Beach welcomed back alumnus James Tyner on Thursday to discuss his geographical studies about the Cambodian Genocide.

Tyner, who is now a professor at Kent State University in northeast Ohio, delivered a lecture titled "Mapping Phnom Penh During the Cambodian Genocide" in the Beach Auditorium.

During the event, hosted by CSULB's geography and anthropology departments, Tyner discussed his research on the city of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, as well as the concept of "urbicide," an organized destruction of cities.

Approximately 1.7 million people lost their lives during the Cambodian Genocide, which lasted from 1975 to 1979, according to the Cambodian Genocide Program at Yale University.

According to Tyner, most literary experts believed Phnom Penh was a ghost town from 1975 to 1979. He said, however, that he found out through his research that Phnom Penh actually had an extensive, functional and spatial economy.

Tyner said that during the genocide, the Communist Party of Kampuchea and its followers, the Khmer Rouge, controlled Phnom Penh. Nevertheless, the city's economy was far from communist.

"They were not a socialist state but a capitalist state," he said. "They would produce for exchange, then have a surplus through rationing."

Through a grant from the National Science Foundation, Tyner said he was able to conduct his research on the mapping of Phnom Penh and track down important locations that stimulated the city's economy, such as hospitals and factories.

"Most of the history there is undocumented," said Tyner, who has traveled to multiple Asian countries, including the Philippines, Thailand and China for his research efforts. "The only way to find out what happened is to interview the people that experienced it."

Deborah Thien, a geography professor, said she was glad to see Tyner visit.

"He's an accomplished professor who has written 13 books and is an [alumnus] of [CSULB]," she said.

The most notable of Tyner's 13 books is "War, Violence, and Population: Making the Body Count," which received the Association of American Geographer's Meridian Book Award for Outstanding Scholarly Contribution to Geography. The book focuses on how population is regulated through mass violence.

Thien said that Tyner's research is noteworthy and should be of interest to all.

"The whole event says a whole lot about the people [of Phnom Penh]," she said.

Tyner said he hopes that his lecture and research shed new light on an unseen subject.

"I want people to see the day-to-day activities in this city," Tyner said. "This is an opportunity to change the understanding of the [Cambodian] Genocide itself."

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than other squads."

The 49ers have had three straight USA Rugby playoff appearances, two in Division II and one in Division I-AA, where they made quarterfinals in the last two years. In capping the 2013 season, the squad returned from a two-week undefeated tour of Italy over the summer.

The team is set to open the season against University of Southern California on Nov. 17.

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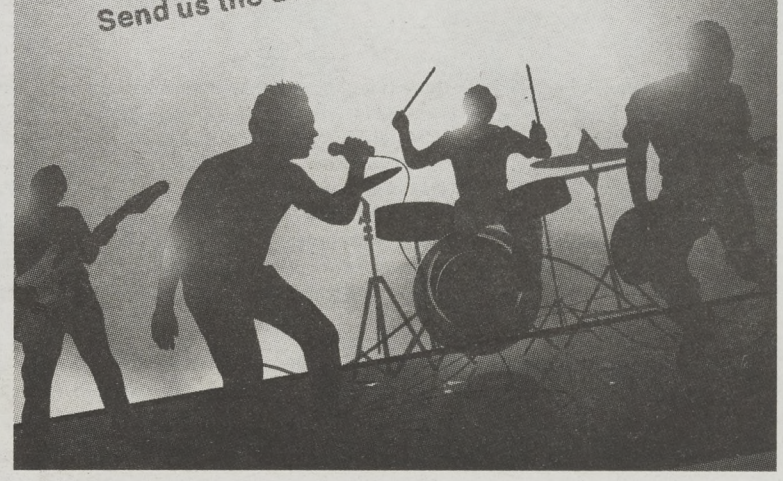
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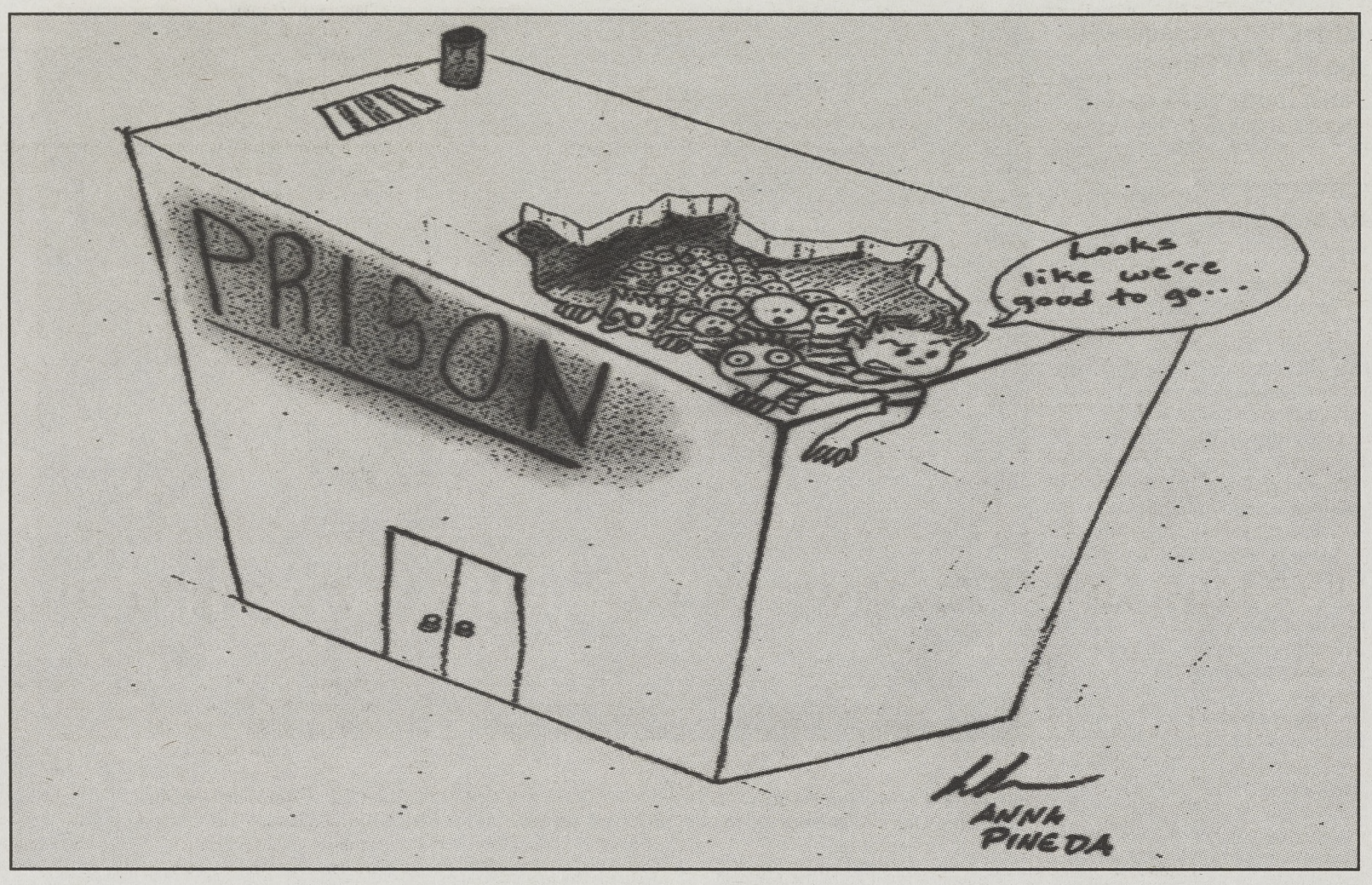


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Gov. Brown should reconsider prison overcrowding plan



Our View

With California prisons becoming more crowded each year, Gov. Jerry Brown has launched a controversial plan to combat the rising inmate population.

Brown's plan comes after a federal court ordered him to remove 9,600 inmates by Feb. 24, according to the Los Angeles Times. The state currently houses approximately 9,000 inmates out of state.

After the court order, Brown peititioned the U.S. Supreme Court to allow him to send thousands of prisoners to out-of-state facilities, according to the LA Times.

While we understand that prison overcrowding is a pressing issue, we disagree with Brown's plan to send prisoners out of the state.

Sending prisoners to out-of-state or private in-state facilities is a waste of taxpayer dollars and resources.

Earlier this month, Brown approved an arrangement to help alleviate prison overcrowding. The deal required the state to pay $28.5 million to a private in-state prison facility to house 2,304 inmates.

Is housing 2,304 inmates worth $28.5 million?

Even though he agreed to send 2,304 inmates to a private in-state prison facility, Brown still needs to relocate 9,600 inmates by next year. The cost of such a move will undoubtedly cost millions of taxpayer dollars, much more than $28.5 million.

It seems like Brown is looking at the wrong side of the issue.

Instead of worrying about what to do with overcrowded prisons, he should be more focused on preventing prisons from becoming overcrowded in the first place.

Also, instead of shipping prisoners to private, out-of-state facilities, Brown should reconsider releasing low-level offenders back into society.

Should we spend millions of dollars to imprison someone for having less than an ounce of marijuana on his or her person?

Reducing the number of people sent to prison, including those who commit low-level drug crimes, would prevent overcrowding in the future.

In addition, Brown should focus on funding rehabiliation programs. Ensuring that offenders do not repeat criminal activities could help alleviate prison overcrowding in the future.

While this issue is complex and deserves much attention, Brown cannot simply push the issue aside by paying out-of-state companies to house California prisoners.

Legacy of Lou Reed will live on in the decades after his death

The music world lost one of its most diverse and influential voices on Sunday when Lou Reed died Sunday at the age of 71.

According to his publicist, Reed died of an illness related to a liver transplant he had earlier this year.

A founding member of alternative rock band The Velvet Underground, Reed left a unique impact on rock music that had not been matched by any other artist at the time of his death.

With albums like 1972's "Transformer" and 1975's "Metal Machine Music," Reed explored an area of rock that few had dared to touch.

Images of drug use ("Heroin") and obsession ("Satellite of Love") dominated much of Reed's earliest lyrics. Anecdotes about the dark New York City underworld cemented Reed as a quiet observer of all things human.

In addition to his dark and morose writing subjects, Reed created a sound that was uniquely his.

To fully realize his legacy, one must understand how new and eye-opening Reed's music was at the time of its creation.

In 1967, The Velvet Underground and Nico's self-titled debut album revolutionized the world of art rock.

Produced by art legend Andy Warhol and Tom Wilson, the album featured fan favorites like "I'm Waiting for the Man" and "European Son."

Blending a loud, semi-tuned electric guitar and a fuzzy blur of bass and drums, The Velvet Underground set itself apart among other bands at the time.

No one had thought to write of such dark subjects like prostitution, heroin use and sadomasochism.

Tying these subjects together with innovative and strange guitar sounds made The Velvet Underground the first great art-rock band.

Following his 1967 magnum opus, Reed penned other Velvet Underground hits like "White Light, White Heat," "Pale Blue Eyes" and "Sweet Jane."

To say The Velvet Underground were popular, however, couldn't have been farther from the truth.

According to the Los Angeles Times, the Velvet Underground's debut album sold only 30,000 copies from 1967 to 1972.

Following the band's breakup in 1970, Reed went on to have a semi-popular solo career with albums like "Berlin" and "New York."

His second solo album, "Transformer," gained notoriety for its finely-penned tunes and innovative production work from David Bowie and Mick Ronson.

Songs like "Perfect Day" and "Vicious" helped the album to gain mass popularity among rock fans.

In all, Reed released 22 studio albums and sold millions of records in the 40-plus years of his career.

In addition to traveling around the globe to tour his music, Reed visited Cal State Long Beach in 2012 to talk about his "Metal Machine Music" album.

Even though he never had the same number of hits like fellow glam-rock artists David Bowie and Roxy Music, Reed's impact was no less significant.

As the rock music world recovers from his death, some of his most recognizable lyrics can apply to what most people are feeling.

"Thought of you as my mountaintop / thought of you as my peak / thought of you as everything / I've had but couldn't keep / Linger on, your pale blue eyes / Linger on."

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Upcoming Facebook privacy changes could upset many users

LEON LY

The popular social media giant Facebook should be wary of what it will require of its users beginning in December.

Facebook recently announced that it will eliminate a privacy setting that keeps a user's timeline hidden from the Facebook search bar.

Facebook will notify its users who use the setting that it will soon be removed, Facebook Chief Privacy Officer Michael Richter told ABC News.

The current setting does not keep users entirely hidden from Facebook. Users, for example, can still be found if they are tagged in a photo or in a public post.

The privacy setting does help users keep a low profile and remain hidden from unwanted attention, though.

At the Crunchie awards in San Francisco this weekend, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg said, "Privacy is no longer a social norm. People have gotten really comfortable not only sharing more information and different kinds, but more openly and with more people."

The motive to change the privacy setting is quite simple. More and more people want to show everything about their everyday lives and Facebook is helping them do it.

Since the announcement of the policy changes, though, Facebook has received letters from privacy groups such as the Electronic Privacy Information Center and the Center for Digital Democracy.

The proposed revisions by the privacy groups have delayed implementing the announced Facebook changes.

"We are taking the time to ensure that people's comments are reviewed and taken into consideration to determine whether further updates are necessary and we expect to finalize the process in the coming week," A Facebook spokesperson told the Huffington Post.

With the new changes rolling out soon, there are a few things people can do to avoid the public from seeing their private posts.

Facebook urges users to control their profiles' privacy by checking to see if each photo or post is made available to the public or solely a user's friends.

Additionally, there is the option of timeline review. This feature allows users to review posts or photos that they are tagged in.

Upon reviewing one's timeline, a user can decide whether they want to post it to their timeline or not.

If somebody still feels uncomfortable about their timeline, they could ask their friends or colleagues to remove any photos or posts that make them feel uncomfortable.

Many users may claim that their privacy is being intruded upon because anyone can view their profile, but their argument falls short.

By signing up for Facebook, users already give away their right to privacy.

When signing up for Facebook, users must agree to the terms of service that states, "You specifically give (Facebook) the following permission, subject to your privacy and application settings: you grant us a non-exclusive, transferable, sub-licensable, royalty-free, worldwide license to use any IP content that you post on or in connection with Facebook (IP License)."

This means that any content one posts can be made available to the public.

If some people don't like that their posts can be seen by others, they can always avoid Facebook and delete their account. Then they can step away from the computer more often, go out, socialize and make some friends.

This beats scrolling through a wall of posts, denying that game request and occasionally stalking friends online.

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Female Saudi Arabian drivers should be given more attention

JOVANNA MADRIGAL

Women have fought throughout history for equal rights with men.

The dominant shadow of men has been the basis of societal structure for decades.

Although it is the 21st century and women are now more equal to men, there still exists a preconceived notion of inequality that is deeply embedded in the beliefs of oppressive governments.

The rights U.S. citizens are born with are the same rights for which women in other countries fight.

Driving, for instance — a matter that may be trivial to some of us — is a sociological problem that many Saudi Arabian women have decided to stand up against.

In an attempt to speak out against Saudi Arabia's ban on women's driving, a number of women decided to get behind the steering wheel.

Many of these women filmed themselves driving. Afterwards, they posted their videos on YouTube, according to CNN.

A CNN report said that female driving campaign supporter Mai Al-Sawya drove to and from a grocery store in the nation's capital.

"I'm very proud, I feel we accomplished the purpose of our campaign," Al-Sawya told CNN.

According to CNN, the women caught driving were not taken to police stations. Instead, they were kept in their vehicles until their male guardians arrived. The women were then forced to sign pledges not to drive again.

Saudi Arabia happens to be the only country that bans women from driving. The country also prohibits their right to travel abroad, open a bank account and work without the permission of a male figure, according to The Guardian.

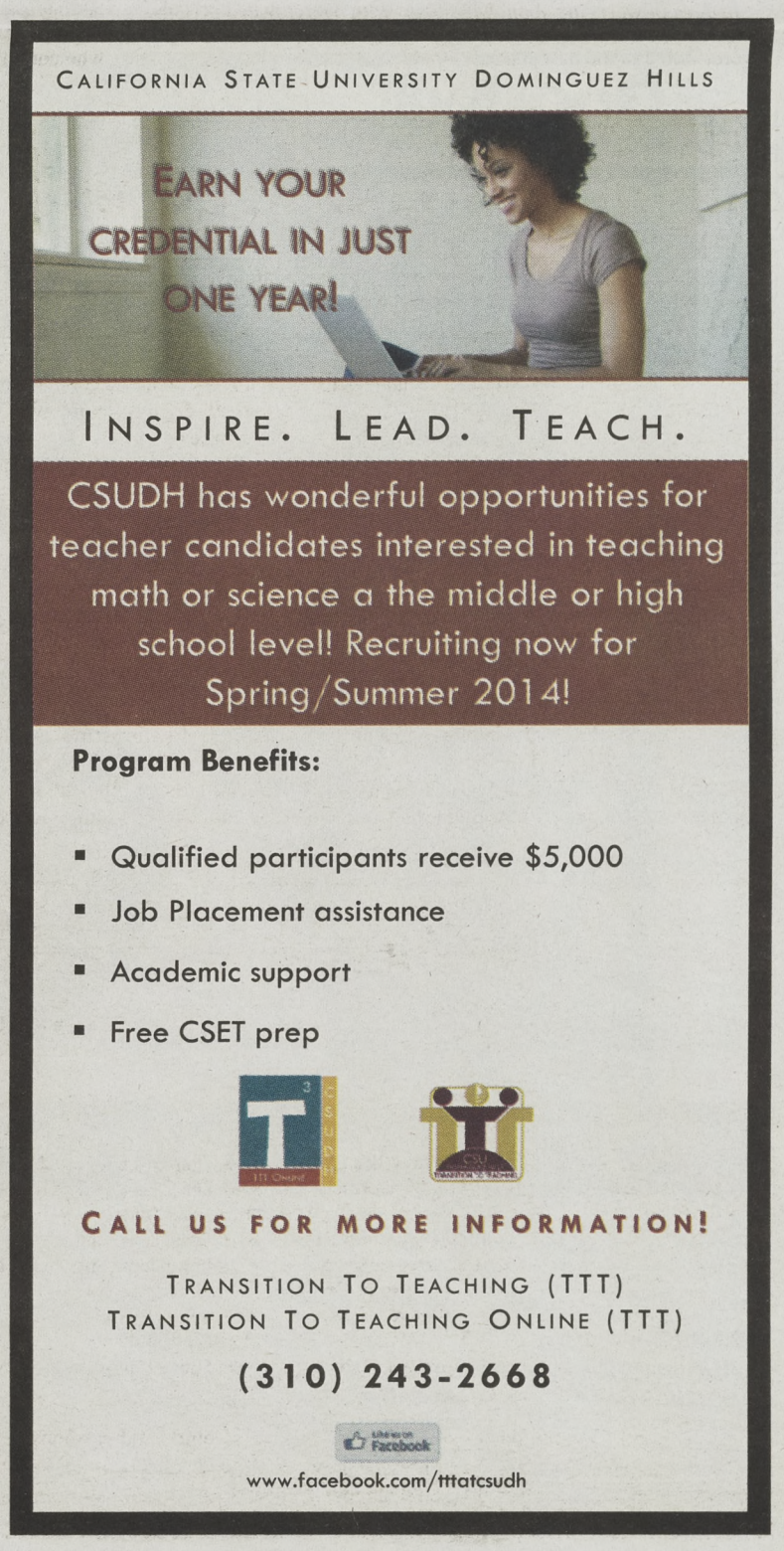
It is the Islamic establishment that makes it illegal for women to drive in Saudi Arabia, according to BBC.

The stand that women are taking against the driving ban in Saudi Arabia has already shown the immorality of such a ban.

Women and men are hoping for change soon. Their hope should not go unnoticed.

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PORTRAITS THAT STARE BACK

A student's work embodies a message about strength and gender.



JOHN MROCH | DAILY 49ER

Photography major Jessica Bardales reflects the identities of five different women in the photos featured in her exhibit, titled "Our Women Be Strong."

BY JOHN MROCH
Assistant Diversions Editor

Five glossy portraits of steady-eyed women stare back at viewers with a sense of strength and composure, seeming to lock eyes with each individual who looks their way in the photography exhibition, "Our Women Be Strong."

Senior photography major Jessica Bardales reflects the identities of five different women this week in her latest photography exhibition. Through photo portraits of self-willed women from Bardales' life, "Our Women Be Strong" was made in an effort to defy the social pressures for women to have to conform to stereotypical gender constructions.

The 20-by-29 inch photographs of these five women are different than typical pictures of women seen in pop-culture media. Each one is standing, calm, cool and collected, with an earnest look on her face. According to Bardales, the facial expressions help further her point of disregarding the mainstream gender ideals.

When choosing women for her collection, Bardales said she picked some of the strongest women from her own life.

"I was just making portraits of women that I know, like family members, that defy these [gender] constructions," Bardales said. "I talked to them beforehand and really tried to understand their struggles or their values … then after I told them about the project, they were really digging it and wanted to be a part of it."

According to Bardales, each woman chose her own stance in her photograph, with a little guidance from Bardales herself. This collaborative effort worked well for the exhibit, giving each photo a personal touch, and set these women apart from the models of pop-culture who are being told how to pose and how to act.

Bardales captured their individual personal demeanors, where each portrait drew the viewers attention back to the fixed look upon each of their faces.

"When you're viewing [women], like the [public] male gaze, you're looking at them," Bardales said. "I wanted to make a portrait where they're looking at you. They're challenging you, they're asking you to think about how they're being represented."

Bardales said she has been practicing photography since her junior year in high school, and that this project has really invigorated her passion for the arts.

"This project has really made me want to continue working with people, and making portraits," Bardales said. "That's really what I'm into, making portraits."

One of Bardales' portraits is of her co-worker's daughter, and she said the portrait represents a special role of how kids are affected by gender roles.

"When you're a kid and you don't follow that strict, narrow way to be a girl or way to be a boy, it's horrible," Bardales said. "In school, kids are bullied, and if you step out of that, it's like, you're ostracized."

"Our Women Be Strong" is exhibited in the Max L. Gatov Gallery East on upper campus between Fine Arts buildings 2 and 3 and will be on display until Thursday.

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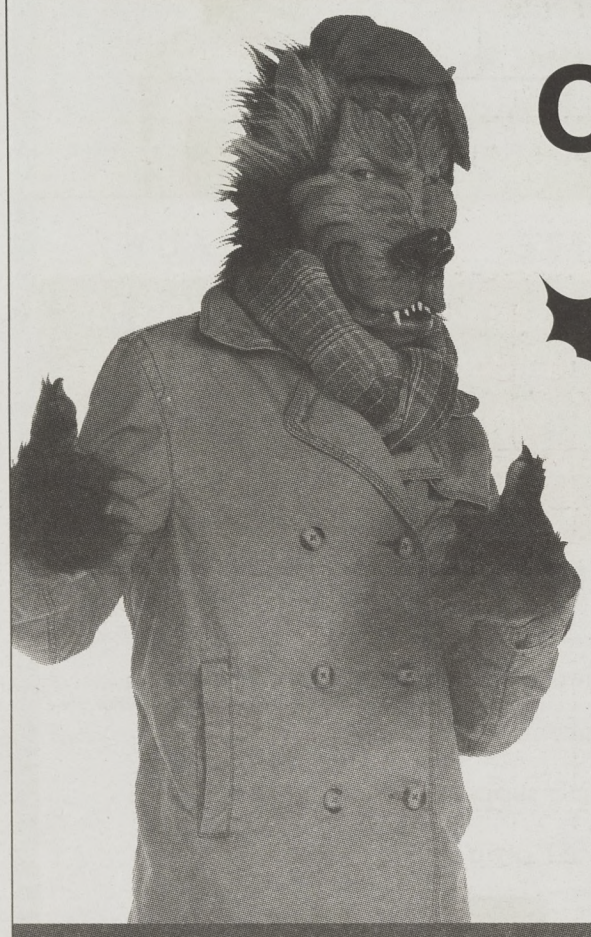
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

BIG WEST STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVR.
Cal Poly	6-1-0	10-7-0
UC Irvine	5-2-0	10-6-0
Cal State Fullerton	3-2-1	8-5-4
UC Santa Barbara	3-4-0	9-8-1
UC Riverside	3-4-0	6-11-1
LONG BEACH STATE	2-2-2	8-6-2
Hawaii	2-4-1	7-8-1
UC Davis	2-3-1	5-8-3
Cal State Northridge	1-5-1	6-11-1

Weekend Results
Cal State Northridge 1, LONG BEACH STATE 0
UC Davis 2, UC Riverside 1
UC Irvine 2, Hawaii 1
Cal Poly 2, UC Santa Barbara 1
Cal State Fullerton 1, UC Davis 0 (2OT)
UC Irvine 2, Cal State Northridge 1

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

BIG WEST STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVR.
Cal State Northridge	7-1	17-4
UC Santa Barbara	7-1	12-8
Hawaii	5-3	16-4
LONG BEACH STATE	5-3	12-9
UC Davis	4-4	12-9
Cal Poly	4-4	10-11
UC Irvine	2-6	11-11
Cal State Fullerton	2-6	9-11
UC Riverside	0-8	1-19

Weekend Results
LONG BEACH STATE 3, UC Irvine 0
Cal State Northridge 3, Hawaii 2
Cal Poly 3, Cal State Fullerton 1
UC Santa Barbara 3, UC Riverside 0
UC Santa Barbara 3, Cal State Fullerton 0
Cal Poly 3, UC Riverside 0
UC Davis 3, Hawaii 2

MEN'S WATER POLO

BIG WEST STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVR.
USC	2-0	20-1
Pacific	2-1	15-3
Stanford	2-1	13-5
Cal	2-1	13-4
UCLA	2-1	21-2
UCSB	2-2	15-6
LONG BEACH STATE	1-1	17-6
Pepperdine	0-3	8-9
UC Irvine	0-3	11-8

Weekend Results
LONG BEACH STATE 9, UC Irvine 6
UC Santa Barbara 9, LONG BEACH STATE 6
California 11, Pepperdine 6
Pacific 18, Bucknell 8
UCLA 18, UC Irvine 5
USC 16, UCSB 10
Stanford 11, Pepperdine 3
UCLA 12, Pacific 10

COMMENTARY

Midseason recap: a look at LBSU's fall sports teams



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Sports Editor



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Long Beach State's women's volleyball, above, and women's soccer teams, below, have work to do to advance to their respective postseason tournaments.

Fall sports are immersed in conference play, and there are still plenty of questions left unanswered. Here's what we've learned about Long Beach State's fall sports teams so far.

Women's volleyball

This was the year that the 49ers were supposed to return to the NCAA tournament after missing it last year. This was the year that they were supposed to be healthy and they would compete for the Big West title with defending champion Hawaii.

It hasn't quite turned out that way.

LBSU hasn't been able to escape the injury bug, losing Haleigh Hampton for most of the season and having her at full strength for just two matches

After a season-opening win over Illinois, things were looking up. But a loss to Air Force one week later started a downward spiral that only recently ended. A 3-1 defeat at the hands of first-place CSUN was the last of three straight losses early in conference play.

Since then the 49ers have been revived. They have won four straight and are now tied for third place, two games back of CSUN and UC Santa Barbara.

What have we learned? This isn't a team that will give up. A tough start to the season has been made up for with key wins in conference, and now the 'Niners are back in contention for a Big West title.

The Road Ahead:
Women's volleyball

LBSU has a big game at Hawaii this weekend, and that will go a long way toward determining whether or not the 49ers have a shot at the Big West title. The Wahine dominated The Beach at the Walter Pyramid earlier this year, but they finally look vulnerable after losing to UC Davis and CSUN this weekend.

Women's soccer

Unlike last year's team, these 49ers were not expected to make an impact in the national top 25.

They did, though, by beating ranked BYU and Texas Tech teams. LBSU remains the only team to beat Texas Tech this year.

Like last year's team, these 49ers were expected to make the Big West Conference tournament easily. The 2012 squad had a hard time finishing games, and several key losses down the stretch kept them out of the tournament.

The 49ers appear to be suffering the same fate this year.

LBSU lost to last-place CSUN on Friday and missed out on three relatively easy points in the Big West Standings. It also tied UC Davis and Hawaii, leaving another four points on the table.



The Road Ahead:
Women's soccer

The fate of the 49ers' season will be determined this weekend, when they play their final regular-season games. LBSU will host Cal State Fullerton and UC Riverside and will likely need to win at least one of them to advance to the Big West tournament.

Three winnable games, seven missed points. LBSU is now struggling to get into the postseason when it could be tied with UC Irvine for second place.

What have we learned? That the women's soccer team will give you hope in nonconference play, only to frustrate you when Big West games roll around.

The team has had trouble generating offense without injured Eileen Maes, but now it's not even a sure thing that LBSU will be playing long enough to get her back.

Men's water polo

The 49ers had a breakout season in 2012, and this season was going to be the one that proved last year wasn't a fluke.

LBSU hasn't been as good as it was last year, but it's still on track to earn one of the eight spots in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) tournament.

The MPSF has had distinct tiers in the past, with Southern California being at the top, UCLA, Stanford and Cal following, and the rest of the conference fighting for the final spots in the postseason tournament.

Things have been shaken up this year, with USC taking its first loss in more than five years and Pacific rising to the upper tier of MPSF teams.

LBSU has remained a fringe team, beating bottom-tier schools like UC Irvine and Pepperdine but losing badly to top schools like USC.

What have we learned? Last year was not a fluke. Despite being without two of its top players from a year ago, the 49ers haven't had the dip in quality one would have expected.

For several years, LBSU was the one team from the MPSF to not advance to the postseason tournament. With a win over UCI already under their belts, it's more about improving seeding than anything else for the 49ers.

The Road Ahead:
Men's water polo

The 49ers still have the bulk of their conference schedule ahead of them, meaning that a lot could happen before anybody knows for sure where they stand in the MPSF race. Games against Pepperdine, Cal and Stanford will reveal what tier LBSU belongs in this year.

Men's, women's basketball teams picked to finish fourth in Big West

Mike Caffey and Alex Sanchez are named to all-conference teams.

BY JASON CLARK
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For the first time in years, the Long Beach State men's basketball team won't be going into the season with the pressure of high expectations.

The 49ers were picked to finish fourth in the Big West Conference in the preseason media poll, the conference announced last week. LBSU received 164 points and five first-place votes from the 24 voters.

UC Irvine was chosen as the favorite to win the conference with 183 points and nine first-place votes. UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly rounded out the top three and received six and three first-place votes, respectively.

Also receiving a first-place vote was Cal State Northridge, which finished seventh overall.

With many teams losing key players to graduation, the Big West will have a new look to it this year. The 49ers lost three starters from their 2012 squad but returned starters Dan Jennings and Mike Caffey.

Caffey was named to the preseason all-conference team along with UCI forward Will Davis II, Cal Poly forward Chris Eversley, UC Davis guard Corey Hawkins, Hawaii forward Christian Standhardinger and UCSB center Alan Williams.

On the women's side, the 49ers were picked to finish fourth, behind Cal Poly, Hawaii and CSUN.

Cal Poly was the overwhelming favorite to defend its championship, as it earned 177 points and 17 of 20 first-place votes. The Mustangs return 2012-13 Big West Player of the Year Molly Schlemer along with key players Ariana Elegado and Jonae Ervin.

The 49ers lost only one player from a year ago and will return all of their key players. One of those players, guard Alex Sanchez, was selected for the preseason all-conference team.

Joining Sanchez on the preseason all-conference team were Schlemer, UC Riverside guard Brittany Crain, UC Davis forward Sydnee Fipps, CSUN guard Ashlee Guay and Hawaii forward Kamilah Jackson.

The men's basketball team will begin its season on Nov. 9 when it hosts Hawaii-Pacific in the homecoming game. The women's team will start a day earlier, as it will head up to California for a game on Nov. 8.

Big West Preseason Polls

MEN'S		WOMEN'S	
1. UC Irvine (9)	183	1. Cal Poly (17)	117
2. UC Santa Barbara (6)	167	2. Hawaii (3)	159
3. Cal Poly (3)	165	3. Cal State Northridge	121
4. LBSU (5)	**164**	**4. LBSU**	**120**
5. UC Davis	114	5. UC Santa Barbara	100
6. Hawaii	110	6. UC Davis	72
7. Cal State Northridge	89	7. Cal State Fullerton	59
8. Cal State Fullerton	57	8. UC Irvine	54
9. UC Riverside	31	9. UC Riverside	38

- First-place votes in parenthesis